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The Honorable Charles Terreni
Chief Clerk of the Commission
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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Re: Petition for Approval of Cricket Communications, Inc's Adoption of the
Interconnection Agreement between Sprint Communications and BellSouth
Telecommunications, Incorporated d/b/a AT&T South Carolina
Docket No. 2008-376-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Please find enclosed a Joint Motion by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina and Cricket Communications, Inc. to Hold Docket in Abeyance in the above-referenced matter. As explained in the Joint Motion, the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") does not object to this Motion.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record with a copy of this pleading as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

Patrick W. Turner

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Enclosure
cc: All Parties of Record
DM5 #721745

**BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2008-376-C**

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF)	
CRICKET COMMUNICATIONS' ADOPTION OF THE)	
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN SPRINT)	
COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P., SPRINT)	Docket No. 2008-376-C
SPECTRUM L.P. D/B/A SPRINT PCS AND BELL SOUTH)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A AT&T SOUTH)	
CAROLINA D/B/A AT&T SOUTHEAST)	
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**JOINT MOTION TO
HOLD DOCKET IN ABEYANCE**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina ("AT&T South Carolina"), and Cricket Communications, Inc. ("Cricket") respectfully request the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") to hold these proceedings in abeyance pending the outcome of the interconnection agreement adoption proceedings between AT&T and Nextel South Corp. and Nextel Partners (collectively "Nextel"), in consolidated Docket Nos. 2007-255-C and 2007-256-C, or until the end of 2008, whichever occurs first. AT&T South Carolina and Cricket have consulted with the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") and have confirmed that the ORS has no objection to this Joint Motion. The grounds for this motion are set forth below.

On October 1, 2008, Cricket filed a Petition for approval of adoption of the BellSouth/Sprint Interconnection Agreement. The BellSouth/Sprint Agreement that Cricket seeks to adopt in this proceeding is the same Agreement that Nextel seeks to adopt in consolidated Docket Nos. 2007-255-C and 2007-256-C. The outcome in the Nextel dockets,

therefore, will provide guidance to the parties to this docket and could even be dispositive of some or all of the issues associated with the instant docket.

Therefore, the parties believe that administrative and judicial economy are well served and resources appropriately conserved by holding the instant proceeding in abeyance pending resolution of Nextel adoption dockets. It is the parties' hope that a final decision in the Nextel dockets will be issued promptly since a directive was issued in this matter by the Commission in July. If, however, no decision in the Nextel dockets has been issued by the end of this year, the parties wish to reserve their rights to move forward with the Cricket docket. Accordingly, AT&T South Carolina and Cricket respectfully request that the Commission hold these proceedings in abeyance pending expiration of the 20-day post-order period for filing a motion for reconsideration, or (if a motion for reconsideration is filed) 20 days after issuance of a final order on reconsideration in consolidated Docket Nos. 2007-255-C and 2007-256-C.

Should the parties not receive a Commission order in the consolidated dockets referenced above before January 1, 2009, the parties reserve their rights to seek to have the Commission restore the Docket to active status.

Respectfully submitted on this 20th day of October, 2008.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, Nyla M. Laney, hereby certifies that she is employed by the Legal Department for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina and she has caused AT&T South Carolina's and Cricket Communications, Inc.'s Joint Motion to Hold Docket in Abeyance in Docket No. 2008-376-C to be served upon the following on October 20, 2008:

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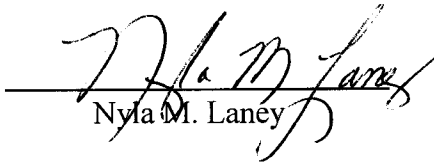
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